

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A document management/EDI system linkage unit,
comprising:

a document management means having an accumulation means
5 that assigns a version to a prepared transaction document and
accumulates the document and a version control means that manages
version control information for the accumulation;

an EDI means that creates and sends EDI data for an electronic
transaction; and

10 a linkage means that links the document management means
and the EDI means and registers sending information of the EDI
data in the version control information of the relevant
transaction document when the accumulated transaction document
and the version are selected and attached to the EDI data, then
15 the EDI data is sent.

2. The document management/EDI system linkage unit
according to claim 1, wherein

the EDI means comprises a means for receiving EDI data,
and

20 the linkage means, when a transaction document is attached
to the received EDI data and the transaction document that
corresponds to the attached document is already managed by the
document management means, accumulates the attached document
as the latest version of the relevant transaction document, and,
25 when the relevant transaction document is not managed,

accumulates the attached document as the first version of a new document and registers receiving information of the EDI data in the version control information.

3. The document management/EDI system linkage unit
5 according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the linkage means deletes the sending information of the EDI data from the version control information when a sending error occurs or sending is disabled in the EDI data sent by the EDI means.

4. The document management/EDI system linkage unit
10 according to claim 1, 2, or 3, wherein the document management means comprises a lock means for temporarily inhibiting the update of a document, and

the linkage means temporarily inhibits the update of the relevant transaction document using the lock means when the
15 transaction document is sent by the EDI means, and cancels update inhibition at least when the transaction document is received, a transaction is terminated and sending is disabled.

5. A document management/EDI system linkage method,
comprising:

20 a document management step having an accumulation step that assigns a version to a prepared transaction document and accumulates the document and a version control step that manages version control information for the accumulation;

an EDI step that creates and sends EDI data for an electronic
25 transaction; and

a linkage step that links the document management step and the EDI step and registers the sending information of the EDI data in the version control information of the relevant transaction document when the accumulated transaction document and the version are selected and attached to the created EDI data, then the EDI data is sent.

6. The document management/EDI system linkage method according to claim 5, wherein

the EDI step comprises a step that receives EDI data, and when a transaction document is attached to the received EDI data and the transaction document that corresponds to the attached document is already managed by the document management means, the linkage step accumulates the attached document as the latest version of the relevant transaction document, and, when the transaction document is not managed, it stores the attached document as the first version of a new document and registers the receiving information of the EDI data in the version control information.

7. The document management/EDI system linkage method according to claim 5 or 6, wherein the linkage step deletes the sending information of the EDI data from the version control information when a sending error occurred or sending was disabled in the EDI data sent in the EDI step.

8. The document management/EDI system linkage method according to claim 5, 6, or 7, wherein the document management

step includes a step of temporarily inhibiting the update of a document, and

the linkage step temporarily inhibits the update of the relevant transaction document by executing the lock control step when the transaction document was sent through the EDI step, and, cancels update inhibition at least when the transaction document is received, a transaction is terminated, and sending is disabled.

9. An information recording medium of which the contents can be read on a computer, and that records a program for executing:

a document management procedure including a procedure that assigns a version to a prepared transaction document and accumulates the document and a procedure that manages version control information for the accumulation;

an EDI procedure that creates and sends EDI data for an electronic transaction; and

a linkage procedure that links the document management procedure and the EDI procedure and registers sending information of the EDI data in the version control information of the relevant transaction document when the accumulated transaction document and the version are selected and attached to the EDI data, then the EDI data is sent.

10. The information recording medium according to claim 9, wherein

the EDI step comprises a step that receives EDI data, and

the linkage step, when a transaction document is attached to the EDI data received in the EDI step and the transaction document that corresponds to the attached document is already managed by the document management means, accumulates the attached document as the latest version of the transaction document, and, when the relevant transaction document is not managed, accumulates the attached document as the first version of a new document and registers receiving information of the EDI data in the version control information.

11. A document processing program, executing:

a document management procedure including a procedure that assigns a version to a prepared transaction document and accumulates the document and a procedure that manages version control information for the accumulation;

an EDI procedure that creates and sends EDI data for an electronic transaction; and

a linkage procedure that links the document management means and the EDI procedure and registers sending information of the EDI data in version control information of the relevant transaction document when the accumulated transaction document and the version are selected and attached to the EDI data, then the EDI data is sent.